Treatment in private hospitals

80. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge number of patients are denied opportunity of treatment in reputed private hospitals and nursing homes throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to bring forward necessary legislative and/or administrative measures setting forth effective guidelines for the proper treatment of patients in private hospitals; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, regulation of private and public hospitals as well as nursing homes comes within the purview of State Governments and, therefore, such information is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, Central Government is considering putting in place standards and specifications that will prescribe minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments which the State Governments should adhere to.

States lagging behind in implementation of health schemes

†81. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are lagging behind in proper implementation of various health schemes of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the laxity on the part of States is one of the main reasons for population growth as per the Planning Commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There are substantial inter State differentials in the availability of infrastructure and manpower impacting on the utilization of available services by the population. States also have different levels of demographic, epidemiological transition and socio-economic conditions, which together influence population growth. It is for this reason that the National Population Policy, 2000 has categorized States into different categories enabling the formulation of area specific plans aimed at meeting the health care needs especially of women and children. Likewise for the eight demographically weaker performing States *viz.* Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand, an Empowered Action Group has been constituted to review the implementation of family welfare programme in these States and provide required funds for filling critical gaps for improving the quality and access to health services and programmes.

Industrial units running in losses

†82. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the industrial units which are continuously running in losses for the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such units and the extent of capital investment by Government and other sources in these units as on March, 2002; and

(c) the losses suffered by each of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2000-01 which was laid in the Parliament on 7.3.2002, as on 31.3.2001, till which period the information is available, there were 111 loss making

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